

# POINT 3

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Bringing people together

## MIKE LYDDIARD REMEMBERED

Visitors to Brixworth Country Park will in future see a beautiful new seat (see photo). This has been provided in memory of Mike out of his Memorial Fund. This seat, and the Toc H corner (see Point 3 October 2000) were blessed by the Bishop of Brixworth, the Rt. Rev Paul Barber, on 20th June.



This was part of a larger service of Thanksgiving and Dedication to mark the completion of this ambitious five-year project providing 'Countryside Access for All'. The service was led by the Bishop, supported by the Rev John Weir. The invited audience included Ruth Lyddiard and her daughter Rachel. The three partner organisations in this project - Toc H, Anglian Water and the

Northants County Council - were represented by Geoff Smith, David Moore and Steve Heaver respectively. Many other members of Toc H, including Margaret Winstanley who was Mike's Personal Assistant, were also present at this moving and inspiring occasion.

Afterwards David Moore, who is the Recreation Development Manager for Anglian Water, wrote to Regional Chairman Harry Graham to thank him. In his letter he said - 'I am sure everyone in Toc H who sees this project will feel very proud of the organisation's involvement, and I hope thousands will make a special journey to see it'.



*The Bishop with Ruth and Rachel Lyddiard.*

## *The Business Plan - The Next Steps*

Two meetings of Central Council will take place this Autumn - as follows:-

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

A special meeting of the Central Council will take place at Alison House on Saturday 1st September. It will take place during the Saturday session of the normal C.E.C. meeting, between 10-30 a.m. and 3-30 p.m.

The one item of formal business will be the confirmation of the appointment of Derek Ridgway as Honorary Treasurer. In addition, however, there will be a major discussion about the future Governance of Toc H, as Di Claxton, Chairman, explains in her article in this issue. 'Proposals for Council'.

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

This is to be held, as usual, on 3rd and 4th November, at the Hayes, Swanwick. Any motions for Council, or nominations for the new, or old, CEC (as Di Claxton explains in more detail in her article), should be submitted no later than 21st August. The main item for debate at this Meeting will be a 'major' motion regarding the proposed changes to the Royal Charter and Bye-laws, the adoption of a structural overview document and the setting up of Regional Companies.

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## *Toc H*

*Toc H is committed to building a fairer society by working with communities to promote friendship and service, confront prejudice and practise reconciliation.*

Toc H is about people. Founded in 1915, Toc H works to break down barriers between people by challenging their prejudices about others and the divisions which exist in society. Its work is based on Christian principles, and people of all faiths, and of none, are welcomed.

Toc H works with people from all walks of life, tackling social problems, such as loneliness and deprivation, through an approach which emphasises self-help, and encourages people to accept responsibility for themselves and their local community.

Toc H uses the model of the compass to offer four personal challenges which are the inspiration for its members.

These 'Four Points of the Compass' are set out on page 2.

Toc H is a registered charity No 211042.



## Welcome to our New Members

Vera Beattie - Parkhurst (W)  
John Denny - S.E. Region  
Dolores Durrant - Mansfield Woodhouse  
Stephen J Innes - Llandrindod Wells  
Carol Johnstone - Tyne and Wear  
Doris Jones - Chiltern Hills  
Richard Keane - Vale Royal  
Gordon Osborne - M.E. Region

## Guest Members

Maggie Baker, Mrs L.Hughes - N.Wales  
and N.West Region  
Pamela Minton, Phillip Randall, Winifred  
Randall, Michael Rowe, Janet Walmsley,  
Tom Walmsley, Margaret Guard -  
S.West Region

## Junior Members

Jennifer Baker, Sarah Baker, Victoria  
Baker, Christopher Howe, Jon Howe,  
Matthew Howe, Michael Howe, Robson  
Howe, Caitlin Sandham, Matthew  
Sandham - Vale Royal

## STAFF NEWS

We say FAREWELL to two members  
of staff at Central Services, Wendover.

Julie Murray, Fund-raiser, has had to  
resign for reasons of health, and left  
at the end of July, and Hazel Scarlett,  
Membership Secretary, retires on the  
7th August.

We thank them for their hard work  
and their friendship, and wish them  
both well.

**NB. All Membership Matters should now  
be referred to Angela Gregory, at  
Central Services.**



Julie (left) and Hazel modelling the  
new Toc H Polo shirts. These are  
available from Central Services at £7  
each (plus £2 p&p per order). They  
come in 3 sizes - Medium, Large and  
Extra Large. Either Black with white  
logo or White with blue logo.

## e-BULLETIN

Just launched is a new e-mailed  
newsletter for the Volunteer  
Programme, called e-BULLETIN.  
This electronic update of news,  
views and events relating to  
the Volunteer Programme will  
be circulated periodically. To get  
on to the e-mailing list, please  
send an e-mail with contact  
details to Tony Cock at:  
CockTony@cs.com

## HELP - LINGUISTS NEEDED

The Volunteer Co-ordinators are  
looking for people to translate  
foreign language letters from  
potential volunteers.

If anyone is willing to translate  
German, French, Dutch, Italian  
or Spanish, and has access to a  
fax or e-mail, please contact  
Suzanne Dunwell on tel/fax  
01677 425152 or e-mail  
TOCHSD@aol.com

The Four Points of the Compass are:

1. Friendship - 'To Love Widely' -  
to welcome all in friendship,
2. Service - 'To Build Bravely' -  
to give personal service.
3. Fairmindedness - 'To Think Fairly' -  
to listen always to the views  
of others and to find one's  
own convictions.
4. The Kingdom of God - 'To Witness  
Humbly' - to acknowledge the  
spiritual nature of man, to practise  
the Christian way of life, and to  
help the truth to prevail.

Point 3 is the magazine of Toc H. It takes  
its name from the 3rd Point of the Toc H  
Compass, 'Fairmindedness'. It seeks to  
inform, to encourage and to stimulate.

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welcome.

We once again extend our thanks to Mrs Artus for making it possible for a  
number of members to read Point 3 who otherwise could not.

## CONGRATULATIONS on the

award of an M.B.E. in the  
Queen's Birthday Honours List,  
to James Eric Fleet, a member in  
Wallington, Surrey, for his many  
years of work at the Home for  
Incurables, Streatham.

and

The Ven. Peter Delaney,  
Archdeacon of London and Vicar of  
All Hallows-by-the-Tower.

to Penny Weynberg and Diccon  
Lowe on the birth of their first  
child, a son named Mordicai, on  
12th July. Cai (as he'll be known  
for short) arrived three weeks  
early, weighing in at 6lb 7oz.  
and

to Arthur and Lily Curran, of  
Llandrindod Wells Branch, who  
have just celebrated their Diamond  
wedding.



# PROPOSALS FOR COUNCIL

*from the Chairman, Di Claxton.*

**T**he proposals to be put to Council are now nearing completion. During the year many members have contributed their thoughts and opinions, regional officers have discussed the proposals in detail, and regional chairmen have attended a CEC meeting to talk with the solicitors who are ensuring that everything we do is legal and can work. Each region and branch or group has also had the chance to invite the Director or CEC members to talk with them. As you can imagine, opinions have been very varied and there was no way we would have been able to please all members in all aspects. However, parts of the plan have been adjusted and altered in response to suggestions. The final detail, of course, cannot be confirmed until Council.

In order to further help discussions, the CEC have invited all Councillors to attend one day of the next CEC meeting on September 1st. This will give councillors a chance to meet with both CEC and the solicitors. It will provide an opportunity to ask questions, clarify issues and discuss detail such as the amounts payable by each branch etc.

Alongside is an overview of the proposed governance of Toc H in the future, produced by the Director Geoff Smith. This has also been sent to councillors. It shows simply how the different elements will interact. There is official paperwork produced by the solicitors to support this and, again, councillors have received copies of this. Other supporting legal documents will be available at the meeting.

Before the September meeting please talk to your councillors about the proposals so that they can ask the questions necessary. It is important that members understand what they can mean for the future. The councillors, in turn, will be able to feed back to you after the meeting. Talk to as many people as you can, ask questions and become informed. Please do not distance yourself from the future. The proposals offer a suggested way forward, but we need our existing members to protect the ethos of Toc H and pass it on to new, interested parties and members that we hope to attract, as we try to move forward and develop within the charitable world of today. Enclosed with your copy of Point 3 will be a form for nominations to the new, interim CEC which will be set up if the Motion passes (or for the old style CEC which will have to be appointed if the Motion fails). If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming part of the future management of Toc H, fill in the form, find a Central Councillor to propose you and send the form to Angela at Central Services, Wendover. Please state clearly whether it is the NEW system of Governance that interests you (i.e. the new interim CEC) or the CEC as it is now, or BOTH. Anyone who puts their name forward will be able to attend Council in November so councillors can see for whom they will be voting.

Please remember that I am always willing to talk to you and answer questions. Other members of the CEC, staff and the director are also available to you. If you do not know the answers, ask someone. You and councillors, in particular, need to be ready to take the necessary decisions at Council in November.

Yours

*Di Claxton*

## **Proposed Governance for Toc H as at September 1st 2001**

### **Membership:**

*Membership based on a simple rule of life*

*Membership fee of £5.00 (Self-Assessment is retained)*

*Members have greater democratic powers*

*Can enjoy benefits as individual members or can be allocated to...*

### **Branches:**

*Remain a key part of regional structure  
Toc H remains a membership organisation  
Outworking of Toc H values at Branch level*

*Projects, local community benefits, fellowship*

*Will have an economic relationship with regional companies*

*There will be a partnership agreement with ...*

### **Regions:**

*Four regional companies will drive Toc H forward*

*Will produce regional Business Plans*

*Will have legal and financial independence  
10% levy in return for services from centre*

*Will have powers to employ staff*

*Will monitor branch activity and have a partnership agreement with centre*

*Supported by national ...*

### **Staffing:**

*A National Development Team for:*

*Branch and Membership, Families under Pressure, Friendship Circles and the Volunteer Programme*

*Staff will support regional companies*

*But will be managed and paid for by ...*

### **The Centre:**

*Central Services at Wendover will provide Admin. support, finance, staffing and membership development to the group as a whole*

*Will produce an annual Development Plan for the movement*

*Will provide treasury management according to Charity Commission guidelines*

*Reporting to a National Management Committee elected on a one member, one vote basis.*



## 'Fun with the Children Project'

by Pam Elliott, Project Leader

Wonderful sunshine was the icing on the cake for this project. Three Mums with a total of 11 children joined the volunteers and leaders. We stayed at an old house in secure grounds on the North Yorkshire moors for almost a week. We shared swimming, adventure parks, a steam railway trip, a picnic in 'Heartbeat' country, and paddling in the village stream.

This was a project aimed at giving a relaxing week away to single-parent families from deprived areas of Leeds. The oldest child, who was 12, had never been on holiday before and, besides the other activities, particularly enjoyed the rope swing, the mini-Olympics and the soap opera quiz.

The little ones – the youngest 18 months – made us laugh and cry in equal measure with their quaint saying and trusting ways. The feel of a little hand creeping into yours, and it's little owner saying 'Can I have a cuddle and story before bedtime with you, please?' is enough to stop you in your tracks, even in the middle of washing up!

A great time was had by all. New friendships were made, especially among the Mums, who were all strangers to each other when they arrived. A tiring, but successful project.



Waiting for the Bus

## Toc H Citizenship Programme Develops

The fledgling Toc H Citizenship programme got a boost last month. This was the news that a consortium of organisations in Buckinghamshire, including Toc H, has successfully bid for Government-backed funding for a Post-16 Citizenship Development Project. This two year pilot project is the first phase in a plan to stimulate active citizenship in 16-19 year olds by finding ways to encourage them and actively develop their knowledge and skills of citizenship.

Working alongside mainly educational and training establishments in the Buckinghamshire Lifelong Learning Partnership, Toc H will be looking at ways to develop and expand our Volunteer Programme and the training which supports this, such as our Leadership Training programme, to incorporate elements of citizenship.

John Dunwell (Deputy Director (Field) /National Volunteer Programme Development Officer), who has been working on this, said "Inclusion in the Bucks consortium is a coup for Toc H, showing that the Movement still has what it takes for high profile, Government supported, initiatives. It should open new doors and enable Toc H to move forward with citizenship in our Volunteer Programme and Training for Community Leadership".

Over the life of this pilot Project, the consortium members will work to develop a range of Citizenship Skills development programmes for young people, which will extend their horizons and equip them to challenge social, moral, spiritual, ethical and cultural assumptions.

## TIME IS MONEY

An inspired thought from Solihull Ladies Branch led to this novel event - a sponsored 'Amble'. It was designed for those 'who would not usually undertake an activity-based sponsored event, based on distance covered or endurance'. Instead, it was based on just taking part, and participants were sponsored for the number of minutes they were actually walking! Margaret Davies writes...

'It was a lovely sunny Saturday when seven members and friends from two branches took part in this mini-sponsored walk for Toc H. Using the Toc H Community House in Moseley, Birmingham (see photo) as our base, we walked within the immediate area. Some went as far as Moseley Bog (a conservation area where the residents of the house had done a project). Others a shorter distance including a visit to a 90-year old member who is now housebound. She was delighted to see us.

We have to admit to a short rest on a convenient seat by a lovely Victorian church - for a photo of course. Two friends stayed behind and provided welcome refreshments for the walkers on their return. This was followed by an impromptu get-together to laugh and reminisce. All agreed that it had been a super adventure and we raised £437. This will be divided between Regional Funds and the Community House (where it will be used to restock the gardens with herbs, soft fruit and other plants).'

*How's that for a challenge to those branches who say they are too old to do sponsored walks! How about doing an amble in Toc H Week? Ed*





# What Branches Do

by John Mitchell

**W**hat sort of branch 'jobs' are undertaken today? How far is the practice of personal service still alive and well in Toc H? Do members still do corporate work, or is it mainly individual service? These are questions that are asked from time to time. As part of a recent 'branch audit', the West Midlands and South Wales Region tried to find out.

20 branches were asked to take part, and 19 replied. They were asked to report on regular service activities.

## Corporate work

On the basis of these 19 replies it became clear that there were three major areas of corporate service. Six reported regular branch visits to the sick, either housebound or in hospital. Six reported that fundraising for other charities, such as Poppy Day, was a regular activity. Close behind, five branches regularly provide entertainment – in residential homes or other clubs, or by way of outings.

There was then a long list of single examples of branch work. These included helping to maintain the Toc H Cannock Chase project and supporting the Toc H community house. They included crotcheting and knitting blankets which go to local hospitals and also go abroad to such places as Kosovo and Rwanda. Various branches organise gift schemes – one donates bulbs to the bereaved at Christmas, another organises more traditional Christmas parcels, and a third provides weekly gifts to anyone ill, recently out of hospital or otherwise in need. One branch does 'make-overs' of Christmas cards which are then sold for charity, one mans a hospital car-park to raise funds. Another organises a weekly Coffee morning 'Drop in' which gives a friendly welcome to many (often lonely) regulars. Another records for Talking Newspapers for the Blind.

The Region also has in it two of the more ambitious branch schemes. Leominster Branch runs 'Home Front' skills courses, featured in an article in this issue. Wyre Forest Branch's 'Thumb a Lift' scheme is a major project providing transport in a rural area.

## Individual commitment

It is impossible to quantify the numbers of members involved in individual work. Many would not even see some of their personal service as 'Toc H jobs', while others would not wish to advertise what they do for others. As always, the distinction between 'service' and 'friendship' is rather blurred, which is exactly as it should be in a movement like Toc H. However, the list that was compiled showed a real variety of involvement.

The jobs include helping at lunch clubs for the elderly, helping care and support services, and helping Meals-on-Wheels. One drives a community bus, and others provide regular transport to hospital. One reads to school children and listens to their reading. One helps at an Abbeyfield Home, and others do shopping for the housebound. One looks after a piece of local woodland, one (and very probably more) is a Samaritan and one is a magistrate.

Finally, it is clear numerous members are very involved in local Church activities. No doubt many would not even wish to say whether their service was a result of their Toc H membership or other influences, which obviously includes Church membership. Indeed, such other influences may well have encouraged them to join Toc H in the first place. What does emerge, though, is a picture of a membership widely involved in caring in its local community – and doing it mainly on a face-to-face, personal, basis.

## IN BRIEF

The final act in the closure of St Albans Branch was the laying up of the Lamp in St Albans Abbey Memorial Chapel. Thus ended almost 70 years of branch fellowship and service. The ceremony took place during Evensong on Whitsunday. Members from Harpenden and Watford, and Development Officer John Burgess, joined the St Albans members present.



Andrew Norman, whose grandfather Des Bonner is a key member of Buckingham Branch, asked to run one of the regular Toc H stalls as part of a school project. Andrew, who is 11, successfully raised £71 for the branch's local work. Thank you, Andrew.

Photo courtesy Buckingham Advertiser.



Ground clearing on a project in Bedford. This was at a Langley House Trust premises, where ex-prisoners can live after their discharge. The work party was a mix of Toc H volunteers and ex-prisoners.



# Home Front

## in Herefordshire



**Y**ou would not normally go to Toc H to learn how to catch a mouse! But that is what several Leominster citizens did. They sat fascinated as the Branch Job Secretary, Marjorie Winney, showed them how. Her expertise was gained when she was a 'ratcatcher' during the War.

This was one of many handy new skills on offer through Leominster Branch's 'Home Front' scheme. It is aimed mainly at people living alone (sometimes after bereavement or separation), or those moving into their first home. Most of those taking part have been widows, members of MIND or single mothers. A course lasts for four mornings in a month, and is free. They are about to launch their fourth course.

Typically, the first session is about basic maintenance and repairs. How to fix a dripping tap, how to change an electric plug, how to unblock a sink, and so on. As the blurb says 'This may be a bit mucky, so don't wear your best clothes!' The second week is called 'Changing Rooms' and includes such topics as how to put up a shelf, hang curtains, decorate. Session Three is called 'Benefits, Budgeting and Bills' and is all about handling money; along with a specialist on benefits from the CAB, the Branch Treasurer Peter Ridd comes into his own here and is really helpful. Finally, 'Fire and



'Home Safety' takes the group to the Fire Station where they see the real thing. Some courses have variations – one October morning was spent making Christmas cards and inexpensive presents (our photo shows two participants proudly displaying their new crackers). On another occasion 'Cooking on a budget' was the theme.

The initiative for these came from Branch Secretary Hazel Hodges after a meeting of voluntary organisations she attended. She spoke of the 'Sole Survivors' courses run elsewhere in Toc H and was encouraged to try it locally. With help from the then Development Officer, Barry Englefield, and with support from North Herefordshire Voluntary Action, the branch went ahead. The scheme was also backed by Marches Housing, and was mainly funded by Leominster Regeneration. As recently as February the branch received a further grant from 'Little Extra SRB funding' for its next, and fourth, course. It is exploring running the course with a new partner, 'Lifelong Learning'.

## MY FAVOURITE PRAYER

H. Sydney Cox of Highbridge, Somerset, writes:-

This prayer brings back memories of my past happier days when I was living in my home town of West Wickham in Kent. I have clear recollections of our vicar standing at the altar, his back to the congregation, reciting this. It was only after I left my home area that I became a member of Toc H and now, as I ponder on these words, I feel they reflect the principles of Toc H. I believe that in reciting this as my final prayer each night I am asking that whatever He has fashioned me to do to make it possible for me to do it, without considering what personal benefit I may get from it beyond that of knowing that I am fulfilling His will.

**'Remember, O Lord, what Thou hast wrought in us and not what we deserve and as Thou has called us to Thy service, make us worthy of that calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen'**



*London District members live an active social life – with regular trips and outings as well as meetings. In May they took a trip to Wallingford to the home of Lt/Col Gilbert Talbot (centre rear in photo) where they were made warmly welcome. He is the nephew of the Gilbert Talbot who died in July 1915 and after whom Talbot House was named.*



# TRIBUTES

**Caroline Adams** who has died tragically young from cancer, was Peter East's closest colleague in his work with the Bangladeshi community in the East End of London during the 1970s. She arrived to work at Avenues Unlimited in January 1974, following a spell working for refugees escaping from the war of independence that brought Bangladesh into being. Caroline, Peter and Shah Rahman, a Bangladeshi lawyer, together developed the camping programme, which took young Bangladeshis out to the country, and Number Seven, the hostel for young Bangladeshis on Tower Hill. They worked closely together as colleagues and they also developed a deep personal friendship. Tall and slim, Caroline's somewhat ascetic look was belied by her sense of fun and by her abiding relish for life, particularly its more bizarre aspects - 'bizarre', indeed was always one of her favourite words. Caroline visited Peter in Bangladesh, where he was establishing the Khasdobir project, and she was a very active member of Friends of Khasdobir. She also became a Trustee of the Wakefield Trust, which supports Toc H work in the East End of London. We, and indeed the whole Bangladeshi community in London, have lost a very dear friend. **KP-B**

**Sidney Hawker**, who died in June, was a founder member of Chard Branch back in 1938. He served Toc H well both at Branch and District level. He was ever present on Toc H occasions, large and small, and was a splendid "jobby" **DT**

**Cyril Mills**, who died in May, was born in 1912. He joined Toc H in 1938 at Mill Hill Branch, and remained a faithful and much loved member there. At the time of his death he was both Chairman and Treasurer, which was typical of his commitment. Cyril was always deeply involved in the wide variety of service the Branch carried out, ranging from very traditional work such as delivery of firewood to the elderly and needy, through to his major role in the film unit which for many years entertained those in residential homes and hospitals. In more recent years he was a keen supporter of the Rickmansworth Activity Centre, Friendship Circles and the Families project in East London. He was a deeply committed Christian and only a few days before his death was delivering Christian Aid leaflets. He will be deeply missed by many.

# LETTERS LETTERS

## PRAYER FOR THE FUTURE

This is a simple request to those who have the future of Toc H at heart. There is to be a Special Meeting of the Central Council at Alison House on 1st September (see article 'Proposals for Council' in this issue - Ed). This is to appoint a new Hon. Treasurer and to discuss future governance plans. The meeting starts at 10.30 a.m., and I am asking you to spend just five minutes in prayer at 10.25 a.m., thinking of Geoff, our Director, those who represent us at Council and all involved in any way with our future.

I do believe God has a plan for our longstanding world-wide movement, with its tradition of welcoming all in friendship and service. I am reminded that Tennyson wrote 'More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of'. Don't forget 10.25 a.m. on Sat September 1st

**Margaret Davies**  
Solihull

## EVEN YOUNGER AT HEART

I always knew that the years flew by when one was busy and enjoying oneself but seven years in seven days is quite spectacular. No, dear editor, I'm not 93 but only 86. I started as a model when I was 83. (See 'Young at Heart' - June Point 3.) Incidentally, I became a member of Toc H LWH in 1939 in Nottingham, moving on marriage to Leicester in 1940. Now I hope that I will see 93 with as much energy and good health as I possess now.

**Anne Fletcher**  
London

(Even though we have every confidence that Anne will still be an example to us all in seven years time, we do offer her our unreserved apologies - Ed)

## GOD MADE US AND HE CAN REMAKE US

What I would really like to know is: 'Is our decline in the core of the membership, or is it more peripheral?' For example, some years ago, when I was regional padre, I was saddened to attend a branch meeting, at which the chairman was a regional councillor, at which no prayers were said nor Light taken. Rot at the heart? The current state of spiritual health in the movement does call for some scrutiny but the Divine action (so far as humanity is concerned) is the creation and that also includes re-creation (to give this often trivialised word its proper meaning) and, in the words of the old Gospel song:

God can do it again  
And again and again.  
He's the same God today  
As he always has been,  
Yesterday, now, forever.  
He's always the same.  
There's no reason to doubt  
God can do it again.

So let us take unbounded hope from the very first line in the Toc H prayer - God, who has so wonderfully made Toc H.

**The Rev Hugh Potts**  
Cheltenham

## FRIENDSHIP IS AT THE HEART

I entirely agree with Joyce Green (Point 3 Letters - June). We used to say that living life in the Toc H way was "the rent we pay for our room on earth". This rent was certainly not in cash, or raising money for other organisations and charities. It was, and I think still is, friendship, fellowship and showing our communities the value of the Four Points of the Compass. Greetings, Joyce - we are obviously still kindred spirits!

**Freda Parker**  
Rushden, Northants

## OBITUARIES

### In May

**Ivy A Hudson**  
**Cyril E Mills**  
**Leslie C Peters**  
**Barbara Roberts**  
**Llywelyn L Tudor**

Oatlands  
Mill Hill  
Fareham  
Mid E Region  
Dolgellau

### In June

**Maggie Herbert**  
**Stanley Hobby**  
**Leslie J Leech**  
**Ian R Knight**  
**Morris A N Treadway**

Melton Mowbray  
Lymington  
London District  
Chalfonts  
Kennington

### In July

**Sylvia Collyer**  
**Marie Moore**  
**Elsie Peacock**

EC and Tower Hill  
Saltford  
Graeme

### Not previously recorded

**Peter White**  
**Agnes Richards**  
**John W Mutlow**

Chippenham &  
Swindon  
Treforest (W)  
N Wales / N West  
Region








# NOTICE BOARD

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Give your Teddy Bear a well-earned day out. Join the Toc H Bear Extravaganza at the International Gateshead Stadium.

Thursday 25th October (half term) 12 noon to 3-0 p.m.

### Plenty of free parking

-  Bring a Teddy Bear, a picnic to share, and children who care
-  See the intrepid bears - Talbot, Ombersley, Clayton and Humble - set off to the four corners of the globe with messages of goodwill to Toc H branches across the world.
-  Watch the parade that sends them off with lots of fun and entertainment
-  Learn how to log on to the Bears' very own Web page
-  Hear about Toc H's part in the national 'Make a Difference Day'.

There's no charge for the day but all adults must carry a Bear.

Please let us know at 01296 - 623911 (or Email us on [info@toch.org.uk](mailto:info@toch.org.uk) as soon as possible) IF you can come - it will help with the organisation. Encourage your friends, family and all Teddy Bear lovers who you know to come along!



## Teddies Extravaganza - The Project

24th to 26th October 2001, Newcastle upon Tyne

Help us prepare for one of the biggest Toc H events in recent times - the Toc H Make A Difference Day (MADD) Teddy Bears Extravaganza, to be held at Gateshead International Athletic Stadium on Thursday 25th October. We'll need volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, from reception to marshalling, and from litter picking to lost children and teddies! There will be plenty to do and many hands make light work. You don't have to be madd to work here but being game for a laugh would certainly help!

To join, contact Suzanne Dunwell, Co-ordinator, at 31 Otterbeck Way, Aiskew, Bedale, N.Yorks DL8 1XL. Tel: 01677 425152 Email: [TOCHSD@aol.com](mailto:TOCHSD@aol.com)

### TOC H SCOTTISH CONFERENCE 2001

The annual conference will take place at Churches House, Kirk S., Dunblane on the 6th and 7th October. The guest speaker will be Director, Geoff Smith. Attenders should arrive between 11-0 a.m. and 12-30 p.m. on the 6th and depart after lunch on the 7th.

Costs, including accommodation, lunches and dinner etc will be £40 per person.

All members and friends are welcome to attend.

Enquiries to: Bill Cowie, Secretary, Scottish Region, 16 Seton Terrace, Skelmorlie, Ayrshire, PA17 5AX Or telephone 01475 - 521000



## CAROL SERVICE AT ALL HALLOWS

This annual Carol Service, organised by the South East Region, will now take place on 15th December - NOT the 8th as previously expected. Please note. The Service will be preceded by a meal at the Ensign Club, home of the Toc H Families under Pressure scheme. More details will be in October Point 3.

## LEADERS

**Project Leader Training** - a rescheduled Leader training weekend (to replace the spring event at Colsterdale, cancelled owing to Foot & Mouth Disease) will take place on Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September at Cross Lanes Centre, Bishopsdale, North Yorkshire. This introductory event is for members and volunteers who would like to know more about organising and/or leading short residential events. For further details, contact Suzanne Dunwell, Volunteer Co-ordinator, 31 Otterbeck Way, Aiskew, Bedale, N. Yorks. DL8 1XL. Tel/fax: 01677 425152 Email: [TOCHSD@aol.com](mailto:TOCHSD@aol.com)

**The Event for Leaders** - a national gathering for leaders and organisers of Toc H Projects, to be held on 16th - 18th November 2001 (venue t.b.a.).

### Featuring:

- Consultation on changes within Toc H and the Volunteer Programme
- Training on essential updates for leaders
- Preview of 2002 Events Programme
- Social

For details, contact Suzanne Dunwell (details as above).

## THE CENOTAPH

Sunday 11th November 2001

We have once again been invited by the Royal British Legion to have a Toc H contingent in the Remembrance Day parade and service. Those members who took part last year found it a very moving and worthwhile experience (see Point 3, Dec 2000). We hope we can respond to this invitation again.

More details are on the flyer enclosed with this issue. We have to give our final numbers by 30th September. SO, if you wish to come, please fill in and send off the flyer well before that date.

